

have charge of distribution in Cook county.

John Peters given year on rock pile for refusing to support sick wife and baby. Judge called him "meanest man."

Mayor Harrison suffering from severe cold. May remain at home for several days.

George Walsh, clerk Steele, Wedeles Co., 151 W. South Water st., fell down elevator shaft. Severely injured.

Two red-headed robbers grabbed Walter Piotrowski, 2244 S. Cicero av., and dragged him into an alley. Got \$77 and some jewelry.

Mrs. Bessie Woods, negro, arrested for disorderly conduct. Started rumpus in school because teacher kept 10-year-old daughter after hours.

Petition for local option vote may be filed today. Proposition must appear on ballot if 75,000 names are obtained.

Annie Mangaro, 13, 859 Milton av., missing. Fear kidnaping.

25 taken in anti-spitting crusade. Eight fined. Rest released on bonds.

Alamo, 4710 State st., and Casino, 3506 S. Halsted st., movie houses, closed by health commissioner. Inefficient ventilation.

A taxpayers' meeting will be held at Timmermann's Hall, Jefferson Park, Thursday, Feb. 5. Robt. E. Berlet and T. P. Quinn will speak.

Joseph Jewensky, 11 months old, 3417 W. 27th pl, fatally burned. Crib set afire by Mary, 3.

Justice Charles E. Hughes of U. S. Supreme Court chosen trustee of University of Chicago.

HIS SPEECH

"There are some parts of your speech that I find hard to understand."

"Point 'em out," replied the great statesman, "and I'll rewrite the other portions. I intended the entire speech to be that way."

SOME MORE COUNTY BOARD SCRAP IS ON THE WAY

"Little Aleck" McCormick and his followers on the County Board have called in two of Julius Rosenwald's pet politicians, Harris Keeler of the Bureau of Public Efficiency and Robert Catherwood, head of the county civil service commission, to assist them in framing a budget with which to wallop the majority of the board.

The first battle is bound to come over the proposed reduction of the appropriations for the offices of the county agent and the superintendent of public service. These two offices are filled by Joseph Meyer and Robert E. Kenyon, respectively. And both are very close to McCormick.

So Aleck has called in Rosenwald's organization to assist him in getting even. They have started by fighting a small increase in salary to the scrubwomen, a step advocated by Commissioner Frank Ragen.

DIARY OF FATHER TIME

In these days of typewriters and fountain pens, it is interesting to study the materials on which the ancient Greeks were accustomed to write. Stone, brass, lead, and wood were employed when the design was to record a memorable event. For common and private purposes the more used materials were leaves, inner bark of trees, parchment, wooden tablets, simple or covered with wax, ivory, linen, and Egyptian papyrus.

The usual instrument for writing on the harder materials, and also on the tablets covered with wax, was the style. This was pointed at one end, and broad at the other, for the purpose of erasing letters and smoothing the surface of the wax. If a mistake were made. It was usually made of iron, sometimes of ivory. For drawing the letters with colors a reed sharpened and split for the purpose, like the present day pen, was used. The ink was common black and was prepared from soot and gum.